GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MENACE OF TOUTS AT STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 150 touts have been arrested recently by railway police from stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether railway employees are in nexus with these touts;

(d) if so, the details of vigilance cases pending against railway employees found involved in black-marketing of railway tickets; and

(e) the stringent measures taken by the Government to curb menace of touts in black-marketing of tickets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. For the year 2004, a total of 2,145 persons have been arrested and prosecuted under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

(c)&(d) : Though no direct involvement was found, 21 Railway Employees who were found at fault by the Vigilance Department in such cases, have been taken up under the Discipline and Appeal Rules as under:-

Railways	Number of Employees
Central Railway	1
Northern Railway	6
Western Railway	9
East Coast Railway	2

(e) : The following measures are being taken to curb the menace of touts:

i) Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff is deployed to keep incognito watch over touts and other undesirable elements at reservation complexes.

ii) Special joint raids by RPF, Vigilance and Commercial staff are organized from time to time at suspected booking counters and reservation centres.

iii)Intelligence machinery is geared up to collect intelligence about the activities of touts at suspected places.

iv) Announcement is being made at stations and reservation complexes to alert and educate the passengers not to purchase tickets from touts or any unauthorized agents / sources.